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1. THE ELEVEN COUNTRY "FREEDOM OF ACTION" RESOLUTION PASSED WITH 16 VOTES (GUATEMALA BEING LAST MINUTE ADDITION TO THE SUPPORTERS). THERE WERE THREE NO VOTES, URUGUAY, CHILE AND PARAGUAY. NICARAGUA AND BRAZIL ABSTAINED.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR MAILLARD'S STATEMENT AND U.S. VOTE:

QUOTE SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, IN HIS HOUSTON SPEECH DEALING WITH RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA, MADE CLEAR THE WILLINGNESS

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OF THE

U.S. TO SUPPORT A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE
ISSUE OF CUBA SANCTIONS. THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH WE HAVE VOTED
ON THIS EVENING, IN THE OPINION OF MY DELEGATION, GIVES US THIS

GENERAL ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, ONE THAT COMMANDS THE SUPPORT
OF THE NECESSARY MAJORITY. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR
OF IT.

AT QUITO THE U.S. TOOK A POSITION OF STRICT NEUTRALITY ABSTAINING
ON THE RESOLUTION TO LEAVE WITHOUT EFFECT THE 1964 SANCTIONS.
THAT RESOLUTION RECEIVED A MAJORITY BUT FELL SHORT OF THE
NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT REQUIRED BY THE RIO TREATY.
IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CONSIDERED OURSELVES BOUND BY OUR
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE SANCTIONS.

WE HAVE NOW REACHED ALMOST UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT HERE AT SAN JOSE
ON A PROTOCOL TO THE RIO TREATY THAT INCORPORATES THE PRINCIPLE
OF MAJORITY RULE IN RESPECT OF LIFTING SANCTIONS. THE RESOLUTION
JUST ADOPTED PROPERLY HONORS THE MAJORITY SENTIMENT IN THE
HEMISPHERE. BUT IT ALSO RESPECTS THE LEGAL REALITY OF THE
TREATY'S CURRENT PROVISIONS AND THE POLITICAL REALITY OF
DIVERGENT OPINIONS IN THIS HEMISPHERE ABOUT CUBAN BEHAVIOR.
AS DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SAID AT QUITO "IT IS NOT EASY
TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF A COUNTRY THAT DEALS WITH SOME ON THE
BASIS OF HOSTILITY AND WITH OTHERS ON THE BASIS OF A MORE NORMAL
RELATIONSHIP". THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TWO-THIRDS VOTING PROCEDURES OF THE RIO
TREATY IN FORCE TODAY, THE FREEDOM OF ACTION OF EACH COUNTRY
IN THE HEMISPHERE TO RENEW OR NOT TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE
RELATIONS WITH CUBA IN ACCORDANCE WITH EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL
INTERESTS AND EACH COUNTRY'S OWN PERCEPTION OF CUBAN BEHAVIOR
TOWARD IT. IN SO DOING IT PLACES THE ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE AND
PERMITS US TO CONCENTRATE OUR MULTILATERAL ENERGIES ON THE MORE
FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

I SUPPOSE THE PRESS RIGHTLY WILL PAY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO
WHAT WE HAVE DONE HERE THIS EVENING. IN YEARS AHEAD, HOWEVER,
HISTORIANS MAY WELL JUDGE THAT THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF OUR TWO
MEETINGS HELD IN SAN JOSE WAS THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE THAT
MODERNIZED THE RIO TREATY, COMPLETING THE FIRST STEP IN OUR
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CONTINUING EFFORT TO REFORM THE INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP.
END QUOTE. TODMAN UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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